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Att. No. 1: A report giving observations of naval and merchant vessels in Novorossiysk

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six or seven light vessels, perhaps corvettes, at the naval pier.

one of these vessels, which put out to sea every evening and returned every morning, had about 20 mast antennas (each about seven meters high) placed along the full length of the hull on both sides; and there were three other mast antennas on the bridge. The corvette-like vessels had radar, one 76-mm gun forward and another aft, several machine guns, a lattice mast, a single stack, a square stern, a flush deck, no markings, and a hull about 300 feet long.

a submarine less than 120 feet long, which left Novorossiysk (no further information). Attached to the report is a sketch of the port showing berthing locations and port installations, and a disbursements account for the vessel.

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Att. No. 2: A report on navigation and merchant vessels in Odessa

The report lists merchant vessels in the port, and devotes six lines to port controls. Attached to the report is a sketch of the harbor and legend for same, locating vessel berths and installations. Also attached are two graphs from the vessel's electric depth gauge, which show the depths of the port approaches to average three fathoms less than the depths listed on the charts. The apparatus later refused to function, and had failed in the past. The last attachments to this report are a disbursement account and a time sheet.

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Naval and merchant vessels in port (numbers enclosed in parentheses correspond to those on attached sketch)

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Merchant

[] freighter [] (1).

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[] freighter [] (2), which left with a shipment of

lumber for MESSINA and SALERNO.

[] oil tanker [] (3).

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[] (4), which loaded barley and oats for BREST.

A floating dock, about 1,000-ton capacity (5), with a tug in it.

The Sergio Laghi was also in port []

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There were always ships in the roadstead, quite often tankers, waiting for berths.

Naval

At the naval quay (6) were 6-7 light vessels, perhaps corvettes,

[] represented by a sketch [see original]. These vessels

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had radar, a 76-mm gun forward and another astern, several machine guns,

a lattice mast, single funnel, and the hull was about 100 meters long, with

square stern [] One of these had about 20 mast antennas,

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each about 7 meters high, placed along the full length of the deck on both

sides. There were three other mast antennas on the bridge, probably for

the radio. [] this last mentioned vessel put out to

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sea every evening and returned to port the following morning.

On the day of his arrival, [] a small submarine leaving the

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port. It was not over 40 meters long and had no [] or armament. []

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Port facilities, etc. (numbers enclosed in parentheses correspond to those on attached sketch)

The cement pier (7) has facilities for berthing on both sides, and is built of stone, rising about 2 meters above water level.

The coal pier (8) has a large warehouse and heavy-capacity cranes.

The small shipyard (9), [redacted] work being done on 50X1-HUM
the hulls of several unidentified small vessels.

The grain pier (10) has a large masonry building and 3-4 large cranes running on rails.

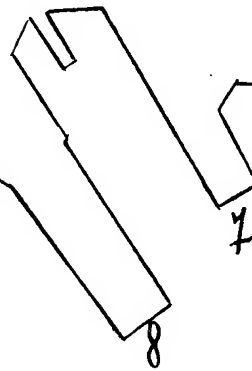
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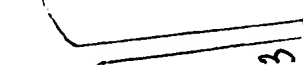
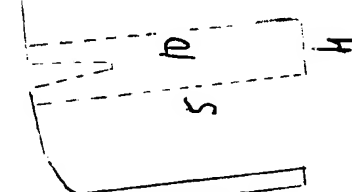
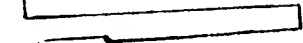
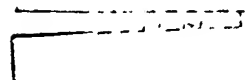
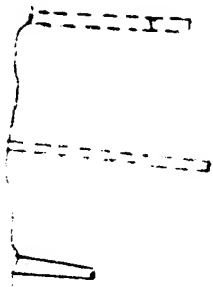
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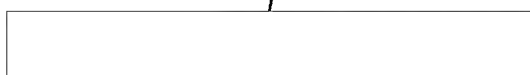


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Information and observations concerning navigation *At. 2*

Coast ob.

[redacted] to the port of ODESSA

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together with the steamship Lince, and to reach port first took a short cut between ZMEINY (SERPENT'S) Island and the coast. During the passage, [redacted] the usual lighthouse appearing on the navigation chart. The vessel was not challenged, nor were there any patrol vessels in the area.

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Along the coast from Cape ZMEINY (FIDONISI) to Cape FONTANA,

[redacted] four searchlight positions with the lights sweeping the immediate sea sector.

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Approach route. Approaching the port, [redacted] using the electric

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sounding apparatus. [redacted] the apparatus worked normally, but averaged 3 fathoms less than the depths listed on the navigation chart.

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The apparatus failed to work on the trip back, until the vessel's subsequent departure from CONSTANTIA (Rumania).

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Three small Soviet naval motor tankers were idle at berth (1).

From vessel's berth (9), [] the masts of 3-4 small naval 50X1-HUM
vessels in the port area marked blue on sketch. [] 50X1-HUM

Merchant

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The [] freighter [] berthed (3) with a cargo of citrus fruits
from PALERMO.

A 10,000-ton Soviet freighter (4) was unloading cargo in medium-size
boxes.

An old Soviet freighter of about 6,000-7,000 tons (5) was unloading
cargo in medium-size boxes.

An old Soviet freighter of about 6,000-7,000 tons (5) was unloading
general cargo on forklifts which carried the cargo into a warehouse (A).

A new 10,000-ton Yugoslav motorship (6) was loading coal.

A new Soviet Standard-type tanker of about 10,000 tons (7), fully
loaded, was in port all during [] stay.

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[REDACTED]

An old 20,000-ton Soviet transatlantic liner, two-funnelled, painted white (8), left port without passengers at the same time as [REDACTED] vessel. 50X1-HUM

Port facilities (numbers and letters in parentheses correspond to those on attached sketch)

Cargo warehouse (A) is a masonry building where [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

tea, sugar, and lemons stored on a previous visit.

A masonry shed (B) is used for deposit of citrus fruits.

Four old barges (C) are used to transport goods inside the harbor.

Three buoys (D, E, and F) are placed in a triangle about 300 meters from the outer breakwater, perhaps to mark a wreck.

While berthed at (2), [REDACTED] vessel was bunkered with 61 tons of 50X1-HUM

fuel oil in about 2 hours by a barge equipped with 20-cm hose, and supplied with 30 tons of fresh water in about 2 hours from an outlet on the quay equipped with a 10-cm hose. 50X1-HUM

Miscellaneous information

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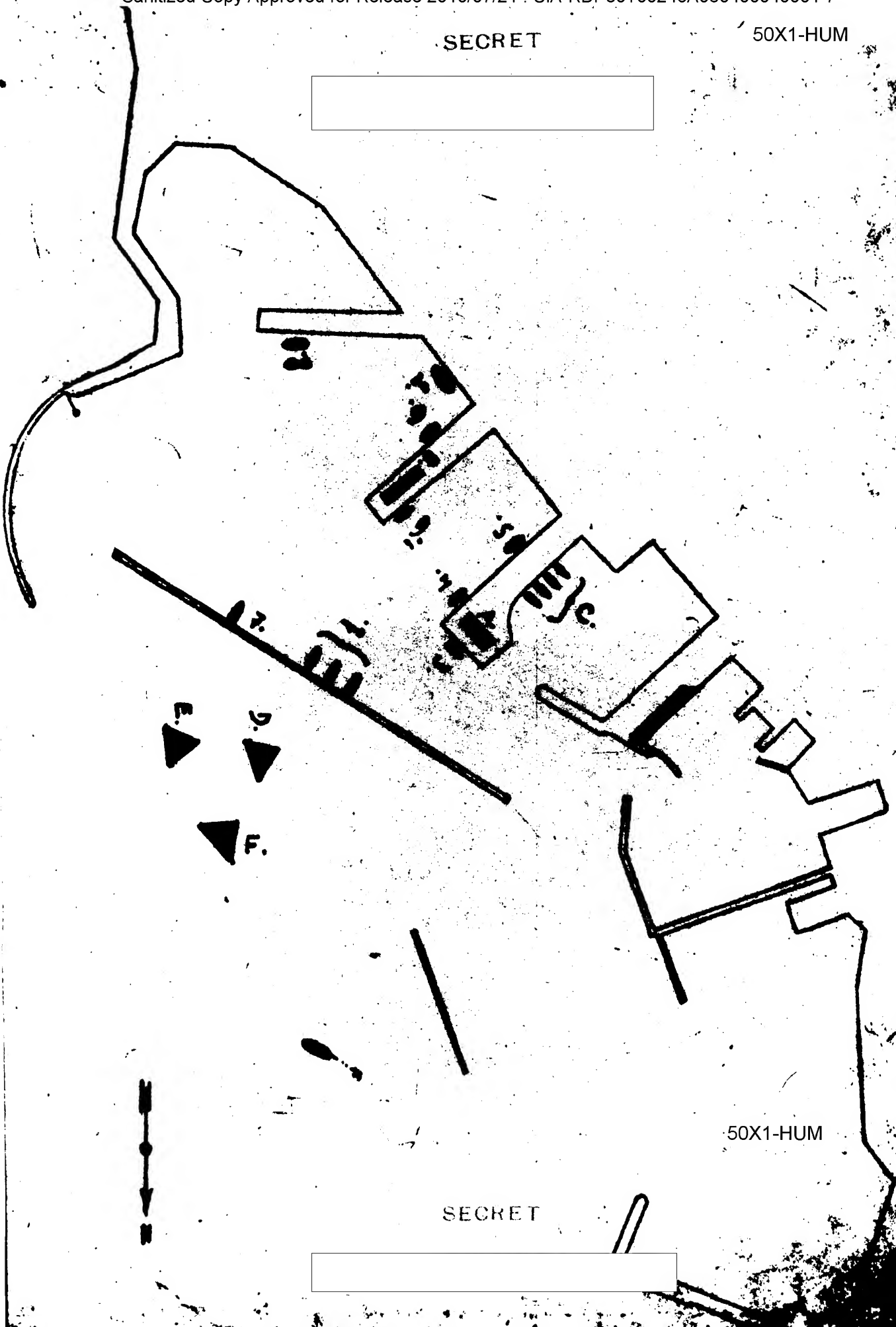
[REDACTED] new port is being constructed south of Cape FONTANA for the exclusive movement of coal. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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